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Response To Election Requirement

The following is in response to the October 13, 2006 Office Action relating to the above-referenced application. In the Office Action claims 1-28 are pending and election of a single disclosed species has been requested.

The Office Action contends that claims 1-28 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising multiple cationized polysaccharides and requests election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

Applicants elect as a single species for prosecution on the merits a polysaccharide having a first substituent of the formula -CH2-CH(OH)-CH2- $N^{+}((CH_3)_2)CH_2C_8H_5$ CI and a second substituent of the formula $-CH_2-CH(OH)-CH_2-CH_3$ $N^{+}((CH_3)_3)$ CF, wherein the first substituent and second substituent are present in the molar ratio within the range of from 10:1 to 1:10.

Applicants submit that claims 1-28 are readable on the elected single species.